

Most Holy Trinity Penance Service

Tuesday - 9 December Penance Service 7:00PM

Most Holy Trinity - Holiday Schedule

24 December	5:15 PM	Children's Liturgy
24 December	10:00 PM	Vigil Mass
25 December	10:00 AM	Christmas Day Mass
31 December	7:00 PM	Vigil Mass
1 January 04	12:05 PM	New Year's Mass
	7:00 PM	New Year's Mass

CATHOLIC CHAPEL OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY BULLETIN

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Parish Web Page <http://www.usma.edu/Chaplain/mht/index.htm>

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<http://remedios.eecs.usma.edu:1967/mht/index.jsp>

Baruch 5: 1-9, Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11, Luke 3: 1-6

FOCUS: Prepare the way of the Lord.

As we enter more fully into the holy season of Advent, let us realize the seriousness of the season and not underestimate its importance. Advent should be for us a deeply religious experience-a time of hope and renewal-not just a festival of shopping, gift wrapping, and decorating. It is during this time that we are given an opportunity to strengthen and deepen our union with Christ. We will welcome Christ into our lives when we open our hearts to his love for us and make room for him through prayer and repentance.

In today's Gospel, Luke speaks of John the Baptist who calls us to do more than make a simple confession of our sins. We are to make ready the way of the Lord. We do this by turning away from all sinful habits and turning toward God and the things of God. God loves us deeply. When we smooth out any rough ways in our hearts, any obstacles we have placed there, the love which God has for us can flow freely into our hearts, and we can love him in return.

The message of John stressed the need for prayer and repentance, but also was filled with hope and expectation as he bridged the gap between the Old Testament and the New Testament. John did not focus upon himself, but always pointed to Jesus so that the people would receive and welcome him into their midst. It has been said that John was like a prism reflecting the light away from himself and focusing it upon Jesus, the true light of the world.

John is not the only one who encourages us to grow in the love of God. Paul, in his letter to the Philippians, prays that we will show ourselves pure and blameless for the day of Christ's coming. The good work which Christ has begun in us should continue until the end of time, as we offer our lives as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God (cf. Rom 12:1). God's Spirit continues to act in our lives each and every day; but, too often, we may lose sight of the fact that he is with us in all the events of our lives, be they glorious or sorrowful.



SCRIPTURE FOR WEEK OF Dec 7, 2003

Mon — Genesis 3:9-15,20, Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12, Luke 1:26-38

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tue — Isaiah 40: 1-11, Matthew 18: 12-14

Saint Juan Diego

Wed — Isaiah 40: 25-31, Matthew 11: 28-30

Thurs -- Isaiah 41:13-20, Matthew 11: 11-15

Saint Damasus

Fri — Zechariah 2:14-17 (707.11) or Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab (708.2), Luke 1:26-38 (712.4) or Luke 1:39-47 (712.5) Our Lady of Guadalupe

Sat — Sirach 48: 1-4, 9-11, Matthew 17:9a, 10-13

Saint Lucy

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Sat 6 Dec 0900

Sat 6 Dec 1715

Sun 7 Dec 0900 Parishioners of MHT

Sun 7 Dec 1100 Albert Schweiss (L)

Mon 8 Dec 0615 (WH Rm— 5300)

Mon 8 Dec 1205

Mon 8 Dec 1900

Tue 9 Dec 1205 Cmdr Clyde Hawkins

Wed 10 Dec 1205

Thurs 11 Dec 1205 Anastasia Edson

Fri 12 Dec 1205 Armand & Elizabeth Toohey Corsi

Sat 13 Dec 1205 John Donius

Attendance and Offering Last Weekend:

Attendance 423 Offering \$1,585.02

The next Designated Offering: Dec 13/14 will be for Sacred Heart.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST FOR DEC 13-14

1715 E. Tollefson, L. Mumford, CDT A. Hartwig
0900 T. Buning, S. Weliver, CDT M. Hoff
1100 A. Lennox, W. Lennox, R. Arredondo,
M. Torres, T. Povich, (2) KofC

USHERS FOR DEC 13-14

1715 Mike Phillips
0900 Moretti
1100 KofC

ALTAR SERVERS DEC 13-14

1715 Jonathan Pultz, Sarah Pultz, Kelsey Ragsdale
0900 Joseph Sagisi, Samuel Greulich, Corey Matthews
1100 (3) KofC

LECTORS FOR DEC 13-14

1715 Mike & Claudia Phillips
0900 Chris Miorin / Joe Palumbo
110 KofC

I have a question. Whom do I call?

Pastoral Coordinator...Kate Hayden 938-8760
Chaplain's Assistant... SPC Alexander 938-3721

Director Rel-Ed... Kay Heppes... 938-8761
Faith Formation, Rel. Education of Children & Adults, RCIA.

Wedding Coordinator....Lorraine Finn...932-2784
Wedding information, scheduling, paperwork,
Pre-Cana/Engaged Encounter information.

Director of Music.... Meredith Baker...938-3544
Adult, Children's and Cadet Choir, Wedding Music, Liturgical Music.

Pastor.... Fr. Joseph Deponai...938-3721
Reconciliation, Baptism, Anointing of the Sick, Pastoral and Sacramental Concerns.

Cadet Issues....Fr. Edson Wood....938-2784

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RECONCILIATION, ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND BENEDICTION:

*Wednesday 1820 –1930 at
MHT Chapel*

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:
GOD'S TYM (Total Youth Ministries)
POC: Michelle Kelley @ 424-3609

December 14 - God's TYM - 7-9pm-"The Meaning of the Manger" A personal response to Christ's Birth worship service. *Reminder:* Bring an unwanted gift or "dollar store" treasure for a hilarious gift exchange.

December 21 - Come join us for a night of "Christmas Caroling" for Senior Citizens in the area. Hot cider and Christmas cookies will be served following the caroling

Poinsettias in Memory of your Loved Ones

Would you like to purchase a beautiful poinsettia plant in memory of a loved one and donate it to beautify the MHT Chapel for Christmas. Main Street Floral is ready to accept phone orders for these special plants and deliver them directly to the Chapel for you. Please specify that you are purchasing the poinsettia for MHT and Main St. Floral will include a card with your name and the name of the person you wish to remember. Prices begin at \$10 for a 6in - \$24.00 for an 8in. And \$30 for a 10in.. Call Main St Floral at 446-4749. Please feel free to take your poinsettia home to enjoy after Christmas. Thank You

Dates to Remember

Religious Education Highlights:

Annual Christmas Pageant 24 December 1715
Rehearsal Dates:

8 Dec 4:15-515
16 Dec 4:15-515
22 Dec 4:15-515— Dress Rehearsal

Join the Celebration! All Children of the Parish are invited . POC: "Ms. Kay" Heppes @ 938-8761, yc3921@usma.edu

Religious Education Christmas Service Project -For the Newburgh Ministry

The Children's needs are the following:

Diapers, formula, infant and children's toilet articles, Children's hats, scarves, gloves, mittens and socks. Pre-K—Grade 4, contribute to children's needs.

Adult needs are the following:

Shampoo, toilet paper, toothbrushes, toothpaste, lotion, deodorant, combs, hairbrushes, razors, shaving cream, hats, gloves, socks. Grade 5—Teen, contribute to adult needs

Please drop donations off at the Chapel Cloister Rm. NLT: 18 Dec. POC: Ms Kay Heppes, 938-8761

Knights of Columbus
Giving Tree Project

The Giving Tree sponsored by the KofC is an annual Christmas project for helping disadvantaged children in local communities. The Giving Tree will be located in the rear of the Chapel. Please take a star from the tree, which has the child's name and age. Please bring the wrapped gift and place it under the tree NLT the 15th of December. KofC will need to deliver these gifts in a timely fashion. Your generosity will bring smiles to the children's faces. What a Christmas blessing--because it is by giving that one receives!!!

Musings from the Pastor's Corner

Let us resolve to *Pray the Rosary daily* for those deployed and their families.

“COME TO ME, YOU WHO ARE HEAVILY BURDENED, AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST.” (WORDS OF JESUS)

Parish Reconciliation Service Tuesday, 9 December 2003 at 7:00PM (1900) at Most Holy Trinity Chapel. We will have visiting priests available to hear your confessions!

Please join us to receive the forgiveness of Jesus, The One Who Came to Reconcile, as you celebrate the sacrament of Confession.

Perhaps, this is the most important gift we can give to each other in our families and our parish family this Christmas!

Please know and plan accordingly:

The **Christmas Vigil Masses** on the **24th of December** will be **5:15 PM (1715) Children's Pageant** and **10:00PM (2200) (Vigil Mass)**.

The **Christmas Day Mass** will be at **10:00AM (1000)**.

Quiet Time with Jesus! Wednesday, 1820-1925 @ MHT. Eucharistic Exposition, Adoration, and Benediction. Confessions are available!

Come join us for daily Mass every Saturday at 0900 at MHT.

With Gratitude and prayer,

Fr. Jerry

**ANTICIPATION OF THE BIRTH OF JESUS, MOST HOLY TRINITY INVITES ALL
PARISH FAMILIES TO A**

"FAMILY ADVENT RETREAT,

" hosted by the women of MCCW

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13—AT MHT 9 AM - 1 PM

Activities for the entire family! Mass! Food! Fun! Crafts! Prayer!

SIGN UP FOR THIS EXCITING DAY BY CALLING

ELISA BELL AT 446-8753.

There will be separate activities during a portion of the retreat for the children who range from approximately 4 - 12 years old, which will include: crafts, snacks, a movie and fun.